

I am writing in response to the FCC comments filed by the Faith and Family Broadcasting Coalition.

My name is Renee Cobb and I am the Founder and Executive Director of WOVEN (Women of Value in Every Nation). WOVEN is an educational organization that helps women and children fulfill their destination of greatness. Our job is to establish countrywide and nationwide liaisons to help gather information on women's specific needs and issues. We assist in establishing women's resource centers that give training, counseling, mentoring, coaching and resources in all areas of need in the life of a woman and her children. In Kazakhstan, we assist with these centers for women entrepreneurs so they can assist their families, make jobs for the community, and assist the economy of their country by building successful businesses. In Romania we are conducting city wide women's conferences that cover training on self-esteem, parenting, successful relationships, dealing with stress, etc. as well as working with orphans from the sewers who are now in orphanages needing job skills. In this country, we are establishing resource centers for both women and their children to learn all the above information as well as inspire them to find their place and their voice in the world and be empowered to make a difference in their world.

Through all of these things, our organization promotes equality for women. The 'a la carte' regulation of cable and broadcast causes me great concern. In reviewing the comments filed by the "Faith and Family Broadcasting Coalition," it has come to my attention that an 'a la carte' system would greatly affect specialty programming.

Specialty programming helps support our mission by educating a wide variety of viewers on women's needs and issues. Under an 'a la carte' system, many 'niche' networks that are on the air today might not survive because of limited subscribers. These 'niche' networks are often the sole source of information we are trying to distribute. If these networks fail, then it becomes even more difficult for us to accomplish our goals of increasing awareness and assisting women in the country and around the world.

In keeping with our organization's goals of women's awareness and equality, we ask that the FCC reports to Congress that an 'a la carte' system would be destructive to organizations such as WOVEN whose message needs to reach a diverse audience in order to survive.